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**Not in my neighborhood**

"It's rumored in the neighborhood surrounding Lake Shore Middle School that the City of Belle Glade Commissioners have approved the site of the above named school as a recreation/service center for the City of Belle Glade.

It is beyond my comprehension to believe that this is a true statement. There has been no inquiry in this neighborhood for approval or disapproval of this project nor has there been any newspaper announcements or certified mail announcements. As taxpayers, we should have had knowledge of this endeavor.

I congratulate you for your effort and I support your enthusiasm for providing recreational facilities for the youth in the City of Belle Glade. We (neighbors) have endured the Lake Shore Middle School site because of its importance to the city and the education of our youth. We have also endured the blown trash in our yards, trespassers on our property, home invasions, robbery and destruction of property.

We implore you to seek other available sites, ie, the Belle Glade Armory, Belle Glade Skating Rink or the conversion of abandoned buildings in the city."

**Belle Glade Mayor D. Bill Mathis responds:** "Thanks to the caller who expressed their views relating to a proposed youth center at Lake Shore Middle School.

First off, let me assure the caller that the Belle Glade City Commission has not "approved" the Lake Shore Middle School gym as a site for a youth center. There has been concern by some of the Commissioners, myself included, that there is a need for additional organized activities for our young people. County Commissioner Tony Masiotti has been very supportive in earmarking funds in the upcoming Parks and Recreation Bond issue to secure monies that would provide recreation services to the Belle Glade area. What form that will take and the location of such a center will need to be studied at a commission workshop with input from the citizens. The Lake Shore gym was only one of several locations that had been mentioned for possible use.

The youth of our community represent our future and it is my opinion that our responsibility would be to provide them with leadership, guidance and support in their development.

**Editors note:** The caller who expressed their convictions, and found not guilty, come to let us know.

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- ✓ To use our opinion pages to facilitate community debate, not to dominate it with our own opinions.
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"YOUR PICTURES CAME OUT GREAT... THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU AT ALL!"

**Teachers' nonverbal clues may affect students' performance**

By Kristin Harmel  
University of Florida News

Children are quick studies when it comes to their teachers' body language, and the messages they get about their teachers' feelings toward them can have a profound effect on their classroom performance, a University of Florida researcher has found.

"Not only what we teach, but how we teach and the learning community we create in the classroom, are going to become the evidence for not only what you think of the students but what they think of themselves," said Vicki Zygoris-Coe, an assistant professor in UF's College of Education. Zygoris-Coe did the research for her dissertation at UF.

She found that students often interpret things such as their teachers' body language, the order in which they are called on and the intensity with which they are listened to as signs of their teachers' feelings toward them. Many students even cast a skeptical eye on teachers' compliments, she said.

"That was really interesting to find that young children would be interpreting it that much," she said. "A lot of children said, 'She says I'm really good, but does she mean it?' This raises a lot of implications for teachers."

Jim Doud, a former president of the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the chair of UF's educational leadership department, said children pay more attention to nonverbal clues than many people think:

"My observation of kids says that they find nonverbal clues more realistic than verbal clues," he said. "The evidence is strong that when they believe that their teachers feel they can do something, they're more likely to achieve."

Zygoris-Coe studied 60 students in two fourth-grade classes at a local elementary school for 5 1/2 months to gather data for her dissertation. She observed the classroom environment at least twice a week and gave the children written response questions during the class "journal" time four times a month. The questions were open-ended statements such as, 'My teacher thinks that I am...' and the students were encouraged to write several para-

graphs to explain their answers.

Each question session was followed a few days later with individual interviews in which Zygoris-Coe asked some of the children to expand on their answers.

"The results showed that children are very actively involved in what happens in the classroom," she said. "They are actively involved in their interactions, and they are actively interpret those interactions."

One of the most important things teachers can do is to make an effort to know their students as well as possible, Doud said.

"If you don't have a sense of what your students are capable of and what their interests are, you'll have a hard time keeping an open line of communication," he said.

Positive nonverbal feedback from teachers - in the form of making eye contact, paying attention when students speak and letting them know that you understand their strengths and weaknesses - can make all the difference in the world in removing barriers to the learning process.

"I hope that this will make teachers a bit more aware of how children interpret what happens in the classroom," Zygoris-Coe said. "I definitely recommend to teachers to give very specific feedback to children, not necessarily about every aspect of their behavior, but to make frequent attempts to let children know what they think about their progress, their behavior and other specific elements of their lives."

Parents also can help their children get as much as possible out of their learning experiences by encouraging them to share their concerns and talk openly with their teachers, Zygoris-Coe said. Parents also should help children see their teachers in a positive light.

If teachers take the time to listen to how their students feel and think about how their actions might affect students' perspectives, the classroom learning environment could be greatly improved, Zygoris-Coe said.

"If we really want to improve community in the classroom and learn how to better reach our students, we have to see learning through our students' perspectives," she said.

**Looking back through time...**



This photograph was taken in 1952 and shows Woman's Club of Belle Glade President Betty Thiebaud (L) with Mrs. T.C. Brown.



THE OTHER SIDE BAND performed for the Belle Glade Rotarians on Feb. 16. L-R: Donnie Burress, Steve Compton and Bill Dillon. The trio played at the South Florida Fair in YesterYear Village in January. They say they play "music to put yer foot to or run yer in-laws off with!"

Photo by Ed Rongioni

## Sun Spots

### Political Forum

Citizens of South Bay are invited to attend a political forum on Friday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

The forum will be held at the Inspirational Church of God in the Fellowship Building, 165 S.W. 6th Avenue, South Bay.

Citizens will be able to hear the incumbents and challengers state why they should be elected to serve in South Bay.

### Harvest Queen applications available

Applications to participate in the 1999 Harvest Queen Pageant are ready and may be obtained at Atlantic Pacific Insurance, 204 N.W. Ave. L, Belle Glade or by calling Becky White at 996-5800.

Participants must be 16-21 years of age to be a contestant and the pageant is scheduled for April 17. Deadline to enter is March 19. Tickets will be on sale again this year at Nations Bank (formerly Barnett Bank) beginning March 25.

The Harvest Queen pageant

is sponsored by the Belle Glade Lions Club and Palm Beach Community College-Glades Campus and is coordinated by Mrs. Cathy Lee.

### SAC meeting at Lake Shore Middle School

Attention all Lake Shore

Middle School parents. The

monthly Student Advisory

Council meeting will be held

Tuesday, March 9 from 6 to 7

p.m. in the South Campus

Media Center.

Refreshments will be served

and all parents are encouraged

to attend.

### Honoring pastors

All Glades area pastors' spouses are invited by SHIP

(Senior HIV Intervention Project) to meet in preparation of a day of honoring Glades area

spiritual leaders on March 11

at 5 p.m.

The meeting will be at the

Haitian American Community

Council, 309 South Main

Street, Belle Glade (near

Affordable Cleaners).

For information please call Gerry at 992-0301.

### Gator Scramble

Glades Day School will host their 10th Annual Gator Scramble on Saturday, March 20 at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and tee-off will be at 9 a.m. Refreshments will be available.

Call the Pro Shop to register at 996-6605.

### Gospel Fest

There will be a Gospel Fest on Saturday, March 6 and again on Saturday, March 27 at two different locations.

The March 6 Gospel Fest will be held at Martin Luther King King Park, on South 5th Street, Pahokee from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The March 27 Gospel Fest will be held at Tanner Park in South Bay from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Anyone with questions can call Jenny Patterson on her beeper at 1-888-402-6244.

## Arrest Blotters

**Editor's note:** The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

### PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 19 arrests the week of February 22-28.

Those arrested included:

**February 22** - No arrests made.

**February 23** - Richard Simmons, 24, warrant for failure to appear; Ernest Henry, 53; gambling; Renee Mathis, 21, battery and criminal mischief.

**February 24** - Juvenile, 12, retail theft and obstruction of justice without violence.

**February 25** - Jehad Daas, 29, battery.

**February 26** - Demas Davis, 21, warrant for failure to appear.

**February 27** - George Baker, Jr., 42, retail theft.

**February 28** - Juvenile, 12, battery; Jerome Powell, 49, felony retail theft.

### BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 714 complaints, worked 11 crime scenes and gave 50 traffic citations the week of February 22-28.

Those arrested included:

**February 22** - Ephone Kelly, 42, criminal mischief; Charlie Simmons Jr., 20, armed trespass; Mountalisa Brown, 28, false 9-1-1 calls; Eddie Brown, 18, throwing a deadly missile; Freddie Davis, 31, organized scheme to defraud.

**February 23** - Jon Berry Jefferson, 37, violation of probation and failure to appear on charges of loitering and prowling; Lamar Campbell, 29, possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Steven Smith, 26, possession of marijuana over 20 grams and possession of marijuana with intent to sell; Shaine' Laramore, 20, failure to appear on charges of driving while license suspended; Juvenile, 11, contempt of court and retail theft.

**February 24** - Mario Brooke, 19, warrant for aggravated battery and violation of probation; Larry Ellick, 49, retail theft.

**February 25** - Manuel Rodriguez, 39, driving under the influence.

**February 26** - Maurice Bynes, 31, warrant for sale of cocaine; Jermaine Robinson, 26, two counts of violation of probation; Benjamin Slatter, 23, warrant for aggravated battery.

**February 27** - Truth Miller, 20, warrant for felony robbery; Danny Johnson, 31, warrant for aggravated battery; Juvenile, 11, resisting arrest with violence and petty theft; Lenzie Brown, 55, carrying a concealed firearm.

**February 28** - Gasper Ambriz, 23, aggravated assault; Rueben Sanchez, 28, aggravated assault and violation of probation; Germaine Perkins, 23, warrant for domestic battery.

**February 29** - No arrests made.

**February 23** - No arrests made.

**February 25** - No arrests made.

**February 26** - Lawrence W. Whitelock, 45, disorderly intoxication.

**February 27** - Brathron Collins, 45, battery; Willie C. Styles, 19, aggravated assault.

## Smelling the aroma of rain

By Mike Lyons

I could smell the rain immediately. It was that unmistakable odor that told me a shower was very close.

Chances are you've had that experience, too. It might have occurred on a humid, breezy night, or an early morning just as the sun peeked above the horizon. You could smell the rain, too. You knew precipitation was on the way.

Actually, what you and I sniffed on those occasions was not the rain but the earth. Water, after all, is odorless. That distinct aroma that we think is rain comes from the ground.

English chemists in the late nineteenth century were the first to figure that out. They discovered that soil molds create an aroma when the barometer dropped.

Researchers in France reached the same conclusion through a unique experiment. They dug up several pounds of soil, waited for a dip in the barometer and then sniffed the dirt. It smelled like rain.

Just over 30 years ago, chemists in Australia discovered that certain types of clay emitted a strong rain smell when the relative humidity reached 80%. They even came up with a name for the odor, calling it "petrichor", from the Greek words for "stone-essence".

Next, the chemists added the oils to the clay soil and waited a couple of weeks. The first time the barometer dropped and the humidity rose, the distinct smell of rain emerged from the clay soil.

The scientists found that



Mike Lyons

By this time, everyone pretty much agreed that the smell of rain came from the ground.

But one question remained: How did "petrichor" and other chemicals get into the ground? It was the Australian chemists who found a possible solution; plants give off oils that are absorbed by the soil.

To prove they were correct, the Australians tried trapping the oils in the atmosphere, before the oils reached the ground. The oil produced an awful smell, certainly nothing like the sweet fragrance of rain.

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The scientists found that when it's dry, the soil traps oils

from the plants. And, when the humidity rises and the barometer drops, the oils are released back into the air as the familiar rain bouquet.

You can even see some of those oils in certain parts of the world. In Tennessee, residents often notice a distinct blue haze in the sky. The Blue Ridge Mountains are named after this blue haze.

The same is true of the Blue Mountains in Australia. The eucalyptus trees produce a wide variety of complex chemicals including a bluish mist.

In some countries, the smell of rain has been turned into a business. Workers in India place small clay disks outdoors during the months of May and June. These disks absorb the oils that are later sold as a perfume. The name is "mattika astar" which means earth perfume. To residents of Florida, the smell of rain may not be as sweet as perfume but it is certainly a welcome fragrance.

The next time someone tells you that they smell rain, tell them they're wrong. You can't smell the rain but you can get a whiff of the oils absorbed by the ground, released into the air by high humidity and a dropping barometer. Then grab an umbrella because you may get wet.

*Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV.*

## CRIME STOPPERS



Eric George Gordon

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Eric George Gordon, who is wanted for burglary with assault or battery and aggravated assault with a weapon.

Gordon is a black male, 5'7" tall, and weighs 200 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is January 26, 1980. His last known address was 3 Davis

Street, Belle Glade, Florida. His Social Security number is unknown and his last occupation is also unknown. His warrant was active as of February 23, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Gordon, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

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# NASCAR this week

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## 1999 POINTS STANDING

Winston Cup	BUSCH	TRUCK (1998)
1. Monte Sustic, 315	1. Mark Martin, 245	1. Matt Kenseth, 4,072
2. Rusty Wallace, 286	2. Jeff Burton, 235	2. Jack Sprague, 3,969
3. Ken Schrader, 280	3. Jeff Burton, 318	3. Joe Ruttman, 3,574
4. Bobby Labonte, 263	4. Mike McLaughlin, 273	4. Jay Sauter, 3,672
5. Jeremy Mayfield, 263	5. Casey Atwood, 267	5. Tony Raines, 3,596
6. Kenny Wallace, 259	6. Kevin Grubb, 262	6. Jimmy Hensley, 3,570
7. Ward Burton, 258	7. Eddie Coker, 246	7. Stacy Compton, 3,542
8. Wally Dallenbach, 239	8. Chuck Buescher, 242	8. Greg Biffle, 3,537
9. Mark Martin, 250	9. Mike Dillon, 227	9. Rich Barfield, 3,227
10. Chad Little, 238	10. Mike Dillon, 215	10. Mike Blane, 3,216

## TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

1. (1) Jeff Gordon	Don't be fooled
2. (2) Mark Martin	Viva Las Vegas
3. (3) Dale Jarrett	Holds track record
4. (4) Rusty Wallace	Vegas kinda guy
5. (5) Jeff Burton	Don't be surprised
6. (6) Mike Skinner	Drives a bullet
7. (7) Bobby Labonte	Could win anytime
8. (8) Jeremy Mayfield	Wants more than one
9. (9) Dale Earnhardt	Trying to regain magic
10. (10) Ken Schrader	Long dry spell

## 1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
March 7	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Las Vegas, Nev.
March 14	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.
March 21	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
March 28	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
April 11	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
April 18	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
April 25	Michigan International Speedway	Talladega, Ala.
May 2	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.
May 15	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
May 22	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
May 30	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
June 6	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 13	Michigan International Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
June 20	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 27	Saint Paul Raceway	Saint Paul, Minn.
July 3	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 25	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 1	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
All-star event		

## 'No Bull' about \$1 million

This year, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. changed its Winston No Bull Five bonus program, meaning that \$1 million bonuses are available in two of the year's first three events. Jeff Gordon is one of three men ever to earn a bonus by winning a selected Cup event, and he has now done it four times.

To refresh your memory, Gordon won the old Winston Million in 1997 when he capped off victories in three of four selected races by winning the Southern 500 at Darlington. The following season was the first for the Bull Five, which expanded the program from four races (Daytona 500, Winston 500, Coca-Cola 600 and Southern 500) to five (Brickyard 400) and made a \$1 million bonus available in each event, provided a driver had finished in the top five in the one preceding it.

Gordon won the bonus twice in 1998, winning first in the Brickyard 400 and again at the Southern 500, an event he has won an unprecedented four times in a row. In October, Dale Jarrett also claimed a cool million by winning the Winston 500 at Talladega. Until Gordon came along, the only time any driver had won the Winston Million was Bill Elliott, who claimed his at the Southern 500 in 1984.

This year, the program was tweaked again, with Las Vegas coming on board and the Indianapolis event falling by the wayside. Under the new program, any of the top five finishers at Daytona, Gordon, Dale Earnhardt, Kenny Irwin, Mike Skinner and Michael Waltrip — can win the million by winning next Sunday.

Winston also holds a nationwide drawing in which five fans are paired with the eligible drivers and each of those fans is eligible for \$1 million if the driver with whom he is paired comes through: At Daytona, a man from Hagerstown, Md., became rich in a hurry, thanks to Gordon.

For more information, call 1-800-333-7333.

Monte Dutton is a sportswriter for the Winston Cup. He can be reached at 1-800-333-7333.

What are television rights for the Winston Cup? Well, the Winston Cup officials are looking for a nice, round figure like \$400 million.

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## AROUND THE GARAGE

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**STUNTMAN HITS VEGAS:** Rookie Stanton Barrett will drive Junie Donley's Ford Taurus in the Las Vegas 400, the next stop on the Winston Cup Series.

Heritage Consumer Products, which had been Barrett's sponsor for a limited-schedule run with the Petty-Bellotti team, has signed a multi-year sponsorship for Donley's No. 90 in the March 7 race. Barrett, whose father, Stan, raced in a total of 19 Cup races from 1970 to 1980, also is his father, a stuntman in movies like "Batman," "Freejack," "Mars Attacks" and "The Last of the Mohicans."

**STILL MAKING PLANS:** Despite the fact that he has Mike Skinner leading the Cup point standings, Larry McReynolds, the team owner, plans to start his own team next year. McReynolds, Skinner's crew chief at Richard Childress Racing, remains active in a partnership with business

man John Dangler to put a new team on the circuit. Dangler is attempting to raise the necessary money.

McReynolds also allows that he has had discussions with Chevrolet officials concerning the proposed new Cup.

**REVISITING ROCK BOTTOM:** Steve Park's rock bottom was detailed a year ago at this point in the schedule — first when he failed to make the starting field in Vegas, and then in Atlanta where he broke his right arm and left shoulder in a right shoulder blade in a crash. He sat out the next 15 weeks while Darrell Waltrip drove his Pennzoil-sponsored Chevrolet. Tertius Earnhardt-owned Chevrolet, which is a sister team to Park's, said Park, recalling the period, "Sometimes the fastest thing about racing isn't the car; it's how fast you can get from the top of the world to the bottom."

**IT'S A LONG SEASON:** Jeremy Mayfield has some friendly advice for

Mike Skinner, the surprise leader in the Winston Cup points standings.

Mayfield led the standings a year ago before he left the circuit, but ended up seventh at the end of the year.

"The main thing for (Skinner) to remember is it's a long, long season," says Mayfield, who claims he's not fit. "I don't think he is fooling himself, though, and I'm sure he realizes he has a long way to go. Being on top of the points standings right now doesn't mean anything."

**UPDATE ON THE NEW MONTE:** CARLO, NASCAR officials monitored the latest version of Chevrolet's proposed new Monte Carlo in winter tunnel tests on Feb. 26 at GM's Milford Proving Grounds. The redesigned version was transported to the Lockheed facility in Atlanta for examination by Winston Cup director Gary Nelson and a team of engineers.

Despite reports to the contrary and growing concerns by its own teams, Chevrolet officials were assuring everyone in Rockingham that the new car would debut before the end of the sea-

son.

If you've got a question or a comment, write:

**NASCAR This Week**  
c/o The Gaston Gazette  
2500 E. Franklin Blvd.  
Gaston, N.C. 28044

March 15, 1999

**Notable:** Chevrolets have won both previous BGN outings at Vegas.... The first two races featured entirely different sets of drivers in the top five.... Todd Bodine's third in 1997 is the best by a Pontiac at Vegas.... Fords finished fourth (Michael Waltrip) in '97, Jeff Burton in '98 both years.

## Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

**Dear NASCAR This Week,**

I am a longtime, dedicated race fan who has been fortunate enough to meet several different drivers. My age is 61, and I feel racing is the greatest sport of all time. The attendance at racing events is continually growing, while other sporting events, such as baseball, basketball and football are going the other way. Should football players be in tutus when they do those cute little touchdown dances? They are getting a bit absurd, don't you think? I guess not, it would take them too long to change. Maybe my age is just showing.

I feel the manufacturer should be the one that sets precedence in the design of the race cars. I am not saying all safety factors should automatically be in place. However, by adjusting the devices to equalize the cars, you could bring the sport to the IROC level. This would take away some of the desire to pull for GM, Ford, etc. We used to say, "What wins on Sundays, sells on Mondays." Now all anyone is talking about is what adjustments can be made at each track to help even up the competition.

I hope this does not offend anyone, but I just love the sport so much, I would hate to see it damaged by bureaucracy, politics or any other reasons.

**Bob W. Stone**  
Burlington, N.C.

We appreciate your opinions, and many fans obviously share them. We apologize that space did not permit us to print the entire letter.

**Kango Kwasi**  
Attabubu-Brong Ahafo,  
Ghana, West Africa

We don't know what race you were predicting, but we are happy to find that our page has reached another continent.

**Monte Dutton**  
NASCAR This Week

I am a boy of 21 years, and as you are hearing from me, I am happy. Please I want to tell you the winner of the race is going to be Elliott.

**Monte Dutton**  
NASCAR This Week

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## ON THE SCHEDULE

### THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

Coming up: Las Vegas

400

Where: Las Vegas (Nev.)

Motor Speedway

When: Sunday, March 7

Defending champion:

Mark Martin

Track qualifying record:

Dale Jarrett, Ford, 168.224 mph Feb. 27, 1998

Race record: Mark Martin, Ford, 146.554 mph, March 1, 1998

■ BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Coming up: Sam's Town 300

Where: Las Vegas (Nev.)

Motor Speedway

When: Saturday, March 6

Defending champion:

Jimmy Spencer

Track qualifying record:

Mark Martin, Ford, 162.577 mph, Feb. 27, 1998

Race record: Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 114.153 mph, March 15, 1997

■ NOTABLE: Chevrolets have

won both previous BGN

outings at Vegas.... The first

two races featured entirely

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Local women attend spiritual retreat. Twenty-seven women from the Bells Glade area attended the Women's Retreat at the United Methodist Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg, Fla. This year's theme was, "I have Called You By Name; You are Mine," based on Isaiah 43:1.

Gloria Lively and Rachel Hollingsworth of Bells Glade and "The Sonshine Trio" of Pahokee, participated as part of the leadership of this retreat.

Leesburg Women's Retreats are sponsored by the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. Their purpose is to bring women into closer relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Obituaries

Week of March 4, 1999

Virginia Frances Hyrns Edwards, 70, passed away at her home in Clewiston Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Mrs. Edwards moved to Belle Glade in 1950 and lived in Belle Glade and South Bay until she moved to Clewiston in 1994.

Mrs. Edwards worked in and managed many of the local restaurants in the Glades area. She was well known for her great southern cooking. She was also a member of the American Legion Post #20.

Mrs. Edwards was preceded in death by her husband William Edwards. Survivors include her children Roger, Charles of Clearwater, daughter and son-in-law Ginger and Rick Silveria of Sacramento, Ca., Barbara of Clewiston, Priscilla Boe of Loxahatchee, stepsons and daughter-in-laws Gerald and Moena Edwards of Labelle, Farrell Edwards of Boynton Beach and Jeff Edwards of Clewiston.

Grandchildren include Christine, Tracy and Charlene Charles, Diana Silveria, Jennifer and Matt Stanton III; Norman, Michael and Gary James Cole; Gary Lee Ingole and Erick Boe, Buddy, Michael, Catrina, Heather and Kim Edwards.

Great grandchildren include Sage Hornsby, Brandon Stanton and Bonnie Edwards.

Survived by a brother and sister-in-law Jerry and Vilate Hyrns and by their daughter Cynthia of Salt Lake City, Utah and a brother Carl Hyrns.

She also leaves behind her Belle Glade Church of God family and many dear friends she made throughout her lifetime.

Viewing was held at the Akin Davis Funeral Home on Thursday, Feb. 25. Funeral services were held at the Belle Glade Church of God on Friday, Feb. 26 with Rev. Burl Browning officiating. Interment was at Ridgeview Lawn Cemetery in Clewiston following the service.

## Bush recommends new board

Governor Jeb Bush has announced recommendations for appointment of four new members to the Palm Beach Community College District Board of Trustees. The recommended appointees are Susan Baumel, Jorge Dominicus, Jim Watt and Carolyn Williams.

Susan Baumel, attorney and partner with Hodgson Russ Andrews' Woods and Goodey firm in Boca Raton, is a graduate of Florida State University's College of Law and earned an advanced law degree from the University of Miami.

Jorge Dominicus of West Palm Beach is vice president of Florida Crystals Corporation. He graduated from Miami-Dade Community College and Florida International University and was a student member of the Postsecondary Education Planning Commission.

Jim Watt, of Palm Beach Gardens is an attorney with Steel Hector and Davis. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Miami.

The new trustees will join current member J. Max Davis, whose appointment was confirmed by the Senate in 1991.

The current members are chairman Harry A. Johnson, vice chair Elaine Johnson James, Anne Marie Rezonico and Homer J. Hand. They will serve until the Senate confirms the new appointments.

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## Social News

Xi Zeta Mu held a recent monthly meeting at the home of Janise Goforth. The meeting was co-hosted by Gloria Swager, where following the business meeting a program of Thanksgiving reflections was presented by her.

An array of homemade food treats were enjoyed by all. The gift raffle winner was Laura Mae Enfinger.

Those in attendance were, Florence Acree, Sandra Chamblee, Karen Corbin, Jane Evans, Janise Goforth, Judy McMillan, Linda McMillan, Pat McKee, Laverne Motes, Sara Nell Phillips, Gloria Swager, Laurel Tarr and Gredie York.

The January monthly meeting of Xi Zeta Mu was held in the home of Sara Nell Phillips and was co-hosted by Laverne Motes. Following the business meeting an article entitled "Does God Hear Us?" A Story to Live By was presented by Laverne Motes. Refreshments, including a birthday cake to honor Janise Goforth on her special day, were enjoyed by all. Judy McMillan was the gift raffle winner. Those in attendance were Florence Acree, Sandra Chamblee, Karen Corbin, Linda McMillan, Pat McKee, Laverne Motes, Sara Nell Phillips, Gloria Swager, Laurel Tarr and Gredie York.

Members of Xi Zeta Mu have enjoyed several social outings over the past few months. During the Christmas holidays several members enjoyed a tour of the Henry Flagler Museum. The tour was conducted by Betty Thiebaud. Following the tour, members of both clubs enjoyed a delightful luncheon at Charley's Crab in Palm Beach.

In January, several trips were made to the South Florida Fair with members enjoying many of the musical shows, food and fun.

The most recent outing was on Saturday, Jan. 20 where sorority members along with members of the Belle Glade Garden Club enjoyed a tour of the Henry Flagler Museum. The tour was conducted by Betty Thiebaud. Following the tour, members of both clubs enjoyed a delightful luncheon at Charley's Crab in Palm Beach.

## Gove Elementary Cat Talk

Anyone interested in a Dual Language program can come to Gove elementary on March 16 for a presentation by Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

The next year the school is offering a Dual Language and College Preparatory Program designed for the student who

## Glades Boy & Girls Clubs held their 3rd Annual Education Competition

The Glades Boys and Girls Clubs' held their 3rd Annual Education Competition at the Belle Glade Teen Club on Saturday, Feb. 20.

All six clubs had representatives compete in spelling, math, connect 4, chess, name the states, name the countries, Florida trivia, public speaking and drawing.

The first place winner's in each age group and category will represent the Glades Boys and Girls Clubs at the State Competition in St. Petersburg on Saturday, March 13.

The results from area schools, including Rosenwald Elem. (RE), Glade View Elem. (GV), Canal Point Elem. (CP), Pioneer Park Elem. (PP) and Belle Glade Elem. (BG) and Glades Central (GC) are as follows:

## Spelling (6-8)

1st - Mathew Fuller (RE)

2nd - Ricarla Adams (BG)

3rd - Victoria Cime (GV)

## Spelling (9-10)

1st - Wismacia Lemene (PP)

2nd - Denisia Hall (CP)

3rd - LeThacha Myers (GV)

## Spelling (11-12)

1st - Parhys Napier (BG)

2nd - Nicketris Simmonds (GV)

3rd - Rene Zelaya

## Name the States (9-10)

1st - Parhys Napier (BG)

2nd - Roykeva Hill (GV)

3rd - Matthew Fuller (RE)

## Name the States (11-12)

1st - Rene Zelaya (CP)

2nd - Stanfield Watson (BG)

3rd - Denisia Hall (CP)

## Florida Trivia (9-10)

1st - Artis Hardwick (GC)

2nd - Gerald Lawrence (RE)

3rd - Florida Trivia (11-12)

1st - Hoover Tolbert (BG)

2nd - Emanuel Thornton (RE)

3rd - Stanfield Watson (BG)

## Florida Trivia (15-17)

1st - Jamaral Taylor (GC)

## Sports Trivia (11-12)

1st - Artis Hardwick (GC)

2nd - Emanuel Thornton (RE)

3rd - Stanfield Watson (BG)

## Sports Trivia (13-14)

1st - Artis Hardwick (GC)

2nd - Emanuel Thornton (RE)

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## Sports Trivia (15-17)

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Cpl. Charles Beale from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Youth Eagle Academy speaks with children from Belle Glade Elementary on the importance of staying drug free



Firefighters from the Belle Glade Fire Department and the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Department gave kids a first hand look at their fire trucks and instructions on fire safety

## Belle Glade Elementary Celebrates Kids Safety Day

Members of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office gave children at Belle Glade Elementary demonstrations on safety procedures on Monday as part of Kids Safety Day at the school.

Kids were given free bike helmets and given an obstacle course to complete during a bike rodeo. The demonstrations were set up in stations

and the children were required to go from one station to another to learn safety rules.

After they completed the bike rodeo and received their helmets they met with mem-

bers of various departments to learn more about fire protection, drug awareness, gun safety and were given a first hand look at a fire truck and sheriff's office helicopter. The children were then given a picnic lunch before returning to their classrooms.

Participants from the sheriff's office included the community policing, fire arm training, and community involvement departments as well as the Sheriff's Office Explorers, Belle Glade Police and Fire Departments, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Youth Academy and Marketing Director Terri Calsetta from Glades General Hospital.

### Military News

Army Pvt. James C. Love has entered basic military training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness and first aid.

Pvt. Love is the son of James T. Love of Belle Glade.

## Scruggs wins it all at state championship

Donnie Scruggs, a senior at Glades Day School and the only member of the school's wrestling team, won the Class 4A 171 lb. state wrestling title at the Lakeland Center on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Going into the state tournament as the fourth place regional winner due to a knee injury suffered at regional competition on Feb. 20, Donnie's first match was against the number one wrestler from the North 2 Region, Earl McAlpin, of Lake Gibson High School.

Donnie won that match with a 10-7 decision. The next match versus Bruce Hutchinson of Rockledge High School ended in a pin at 3:36.

Donnie then met Rick Rimes of Ft. Pierce Westwood, the regional winner from the area. Behind 7-1 at one point,

Donnie rallied to beat Rick 11-9.

The finals, which were wrestled Saturday night, paired Donnie with James McEachern of Titusville's Astronaut High School. Ranked number one in the entire season, James was the favorite going into the match with a 44-0 record.

Donnie handed James his only loss of the season and a second place finish at state with a final score of 19-16.

Exhausted after the match, Donnie credited his coaches, Andy Tenney, Dave Kuzma and Marty Espinoza with his success.

"Coach Tenney and Kuzma worked hard with me all season long. I couldn't have done it without them," Donnie said.

"Coach Espinoza and Coach Tenney have been with me since I was eight years old."



Glades Day School wrestler Donnie Scruggs receives his medal for winning the Class 4A 171 lb. state wrestling title at the Lakeland Center last Saturday night.

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